

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:

Raphaël DUVAL

Serial No.: Divisional of 09/838,284

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Title: CROSS-LINKED POLYMERS BASED ON BIS-SILANE, BIS-THIOETHER, BIS-SULPHOXIDE, BIS-SULPHONE AND BUTANE-DI-YL DERIVATIVES OF POLYSACCHARIDES AND OLIGOSACCHARIDES, AND THEIR SHAPING AS SUPPORT MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified divisional application as follows:

Amendments to the **Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.